Grievances of Viscose Filament Yarn Industry

682. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Viscose Filament Yarn Industry has complained of drastic fall in off-take, growing production costs and unfair. competition from imported yarn; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is keeping a constant watch on the situation.

National Institute of Fashion Technology

683. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount Government have invested and plans to invest further in the National Institute of Fashion Technology; and

(b) whether Government are aware that exports want such an institute to be run by industry itself, rather than by Government; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The approved outlay for the 7th Plan period for the National Institute of Fashion Technology is Rs. 8.99 crores. The budget estimate for the first year (1986-87) is Rs. 1.45 crores and this amount is expected to be utilised by the end of the current financial year.

(b) No, Sir.

Fire Advisory Committee

684. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when did the Fire Advisory Committee under Major General Shinghal and the Khanna Commission submit their reports after the Gopala Tower fire and Siddarth Hotel fire and what were their recommendations, separately/specifically about the old and new 191 buildings and three timber markets of Delhi;

(b) which of the recommendations have been accepted and which ones have not been found acceptable by Government and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what preventive steps have already been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to prevent any such fire in the said 194 buildings and markets of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) The Fire Advisory Committee under Major General Shinghal submitted one report on the 6th February, 1986 and 2nd report on the 6th August, 1986. The Committee inspected various buildings constructed prior to June, 1983 and the 3 timber markets, advising fire fighting measures in each case.

The report of the Khanna Comission of Inquiry pertaining to fire at Hotel Siddarth Continental was submitted on the 31st March, 1986. The report of the Commission along with the memorandum of action taken on the various recommendations made by it was laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1986.

The recommendations of the Committee/Commission include modernisation of Delhi Fire Service with new equipment/appliances, training, organisational control raising of funds, creating fire safety cell, etc.